

sent for approval to the Municipal authorities. However, a few details including location of a proposed sub-way are yet to be finalised. The Municipality are also yet to deposit with the Railways Rs. 10.5 lakhs—their share of cost of the work

As soon as the remaining details and plans are finalised and the money deposited, the Railways will take up construction work.

(b) After work is actually started, it will take the Railways about two years to complete their portion of the work on the bridge proper.

Popularisation of Soft Coke in Rural Areas

289. Shri S. C. Samanta:
Dr. P. Mandal:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) the action initiated on the report of Dr. Lahiri on the popularisation of soft coke in the rural areas; and

(b) whether Government have decided to set up of Committee or Board for guiding and supervising the programme aimed at popularisation of domestic coke and to divert dung for use as manure?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) The Central Fuel Research Institute has circulated Dr. Lahiri's draft project report for conducting pilot survey and experiment in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar for popularising soft coke in rural areas to the concerned Ministries including the executing Department viz., Department of Community Development, State Governments and others. The Draft report will be finalised as soon as the comments of concerned Ministries/Departments/State Governments are available.

(b) Does not arise.

Subsidies Payable to Collieries

290. Dr. P. Mandal:

Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) the amount outstanding on account of bills for subsidies payable to collieries at the end of December, 1966 and January, 1967;

(b) the procedure for disposing of collieries bills and the steps taken for ensuring speedy disposal of these bills for subsidies for sand-stowing under difficult mining conditions; and

(c) whether there is any proposal for converting the bills into discountable documents for the purpose of raising loan?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) The amounts outstanding in respect of subsidies payable on 31st December, 1966 and 31st January, 1967 are given below:—

	31-12-66	31-1-1967
	(Rs. in lakhs)	
Claims in respect of subsidies for sand stowing	166	181
Claims in respect of subsidies for difficult mining conditions	55	72
TOTAL	221	253

(b) A statement giving the information is enclosed [Placed in Library. See No. LT-180/67.]

(c) No, Sir

Production and Allocation of Coking Coal

291. Shri S. C. Samanta:
Dr. P. Mandal:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise targets of production of coking coal during the Fourth Plan with sectoral allocation against the actual production for the year 1965-66;